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Examiner: Kimberly Chong

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

MS RCE
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This Amendment and Response is being filed together with a Request for Continued Examination in response to the Final Office Action dated December 11, 2007 (Paper No. 20071203). A separate petition for the appropriate extension of time in which to respond is being filed concurrently herewith. Responsive to the Office Action, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.